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REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted to correct a minor error in claim 33.

It is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the claim in accordance with the following:

33. (TWICE AMENDED) A base station system for configuring a radio interface between a mobile station and a base station of a time-division multiplex mobile radio system for packet data transmission, comprising:

- a base station;

- a plurality of mobile stations, wherein a transmission from a mobile station to the base station is defined as an uplink direction, and a transmission from the base station to a mobile station is defined as a downlink direction;

- a channel formed by at least one time slot per time-division multiplex frame, wherein the packet data transmission from the plurality of mobile stations takes place via the channel;

- a macroframe formed from a combination of frames;

- a time slot for signaling provided at cyclic intervals in the channel; and

- a control device to allocate time slots to the plurality of mobile stations, wherein just one time slot for signaling in the uplink direction is allocated to a respective mobile station according to a predetermined sequence of the mobile stations, the allocation being independent of any packet data transmission so that the mobile station [transmits] may transmit in the time slot allocated for signaling even if the mobile station does not transmit any packet data for the duration of a current and next macroframe.